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The foregoing submissions are believed to meet the requirements of the Notice to File Missing Parts, and the applicants await further action on the application from the Patent and Trademark Office.

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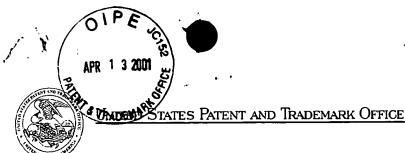
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